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Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Congressional Liaison with Appropriations Committees.

1. The Director may wish to consider meeting individually with the two Appropriations Committee Chairmen, Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber, to discuss with them how they desire the CIA budget hearings to be handled. Mr. Sprinkle, Acting Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, has urged that the meeting with Mr. Taber take place as early

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2. Two matters which might well be explored with Mr. Taber are his letter to Mr. Dodge, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, of 29 January, expressing some concern regarding the expenses of [redacted] a copy of which letter Mr. Taber sent to the [redacted] Appropriations Subcommittee), and our refusal to furnish to the Comptroller General the names of Agency personnel in grades GS-15 and above who had left the Agency since November 1952 for the use of an Appropriations subcommittee headed by Congressman Phillips.

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Of the House Subcommittee members, Messrs. Wigglesworth, Mahon, Sheppard and Sikes (and, I believe, Mr. Scrivner) have been present at CIA briefings. Of the new members of the Subcommittee, I believe Congressman Ford to be extremely reliable, and the Director may know Mr. Ostertag from his years in the New York State Legislature. I believe it would be extremely unfortunate if it were necessary to brief the complete Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, if there is any way in which Senator Ferguson can avoid such an occurrence.

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also attached. It would be extremely helpful if some arrangements could be made with Mr. Taber whereby the same group which handled the CIA budget could also approve the funds for CIA construction. In the Senate, Senator Ferguson's Subcommittee also handles construction matters, which may simplify the problem.

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